



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Chambers on March 7, 2023, at 4:40 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Dave Aker	Dana Spurrell, Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Mayor Nicole Kieley	Glen Dollimount, Director of Public Works
Councillor Isabelle Fry	Cassie Pittman, Director of Corporate Services
Councillor Jim Locke	Jason Collins, Director of Recreation & Community Safety
Councillor Bill Antle	Gerry Antle, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Councillor Mark Rice	Arlene Mullins, Executive Assistant
Councillor Chelsea Lane	Absent
	Stacey Pratt, Legislative Officer/City Clerk

Mayor Aker chaired the meeting

23-03-102 Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

23-03-103 Lands Acknowledgement

Read by Mayor Aker

23-03-104 Adoption of Minutes

Motion – Councillor Fry/ Councillor Antle

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the public meeting held February 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Errors & Omissions: none

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING - none

ACTION REPORT

The action report was accepted as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

23-03-105 Easter Seals Month, March 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed March 2023 as Easter Seals Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

23-03-106 National Engineering Month March 2023

Mayor Aker proclaimed March 2023 as National Engineering Month in the City of Mount Pearl.

The PED Director and Council members spoke to the proclamation and acknowledged the contributions of past and current engineers with the City.

PRESENTATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE - None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

23-03-107 Building Age- Friendly Community Grant

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, approval be granted to proceed with the application for funding for the Accessible Picnic Tables and Benches for the total amount of \$21,128.56.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-108 Washroom Paper

Motion: Councillor Antle/Councillor Lane

RESOLVED THAT, the price increase of the lowest bidder, Chandler, be accepted, the existing contract be amended to reflect same and the vendor be notified that the existing contract will be extended until December 31, 2023 and FURTHER THAT a new tender for washroom paper be completed in the Fall of 2023 seeking an new three-year contract.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-109 St. Patrick's Day Family Friendly Tailgate Party | March 18, 2023

The City of Mount Pearl is hosting a St. Patrick's Tailgate Party on March 18 from 2-4pm (parking lot opens at 12pm) at the Team Gushue Sports Complex! Bring food, friends, family and be prepared to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with the Masterless Men and Celtic Connection. This is a weather dependent, family event; alcohol is not permitted. Admission is a non-perishable food item, first-serve basis. A Facebook post will be made when the lot reaches capacity.

23-03-110 Spring Swimming Lessons Registration

The registration dates for spring swimming lessons (April 11th to June 18th) are scheduled for Tuesday, March 21 at 5:00pm for Mount Pearl residents and on Thursday, March 23 at 5:00pm for non-residents. These registrations will take place online only.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

23-03-111 Invoices for Approval

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, the following invoices be approved for payment

1	Black & McDonald Performance Security Refund	\$ 14,992.38
2	Grand Concourse Authority Member Contribution to Operating Overhead 2023	\$ 7,784.45
3	McInnes Cooper Professional Services	\$ 27,097.34
4	St John's Transportation Commission Transit Fees Jan 2023	\$ 107,622.72
	Total	\$ 157,496.89

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-112 Payment Register

For the information of Council, the following payment register for February 17 – March 1, 2023, totaled \$724,694.33.

23-03-113 Professional Development Request – CAO Dana Spurrell – 49th Annual CAMA Conference Huntsville, ON May 29 -31, 2023

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for CAO Dana Spurrell to attend the 49th Annual CAMA

Conference in Huntsville, ON, from May 29-31, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-114 Professional Development Request – Director Glen Dollimount – CPWA Annual Conference 2023, Clarendville May 10 – 12, 2023

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Director Glen Dollimount to attend the CPWA Annual Conference 2023 in Clarendville on May 10-12, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-115 Professional Development Request – Director Jason Collins US Indoor Sports Association – Annual Conference and Tradeshow Henderson, NV – May 17-19, 2023

Motion: Deputy Mayor Kieley/Councillor Locke

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Director Jason Collins to attend the US Indoor Sports Association Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Henderson, NV on May 17-19, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-116 Codes of Conduct for Municipalities

Motion: Councillor Locke/Deputy Mayor Kieley

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given to ratify the city's establishment of both the Council Code of Conduct and Municipal Officials' Code of Conduct as presented for implementation effective March 7, 2023, with appropriate training to take place by June 1, 2023.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-117 Public Works Status Report

Councillor Locke provided an update on the following:

- Individual pre-paid bulk collections ongoing for 2023.
- Winter clean-up continues with blow back, snow removal in cul-de-sacs, sidewalks, etc.
- Fire hydrants are cleared and accessible.
- Winter equipment maintenance and preparation work is ongoing.
- Two new flyers have arrived from our 2021 fleet replacement plan and are being prepped for service.
- Outdoor rinks are open.
- Trail grooming ongoing.
- Road maintenance ongoing (manhole repairs, asphalt, and potholes)

- Building of Kiosk continues.
- Tenders closing for:
 - o Playground Equipment
 - o 1 Farm tractor
 - o 1 Loader
 - o 8 Pickups
 - o 1 Tri deck mower
 - o 2 Lawn Tractor
- Water consumption for January 2023 was the second lowest for January month recorded since 1997.
- Water levels at BBBP as of February 27, 2023

PLANNING, ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

23-03-118 10 Westbrook Landing (DA22-0075-10) - Request for Home Based Business - Jennifer Benson Music

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for the application by Jennifer Benson Music proposing to operate a Home Occupation at 10 Westbrook Landing to accommodate a music lesson business and FURTHER THAT a Development Permit be issued subject to Section 7.18 of the Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010, subject to the conditions as set out by the Department of Planning, Engineering and Development, specifically conditions as outlined by the following:

1. St. John's Regional Fire Department
2. City of Mount Pearl – Inspection Services, Municipal Enforcement Division
3. City of Mount Pearl – Finance Division
4. City of Mount Pearl – Planning Division, and
5. City of Mount Pearl Development Regulations 2010 and related requirements

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-119 Pedestrian Underpass Remediation Project Request for Approval – Contractor Change Order #4 – Quantities Adjustment

Motion: Councillor Rice/Councillor Fry

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #4, payable to Eric Taylor Limited for the amount of \$12,249.29 (HST included), to cover additional quantity amounts required above the projected values noted in previously approved Change Order #3

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-120 Farrell Drive Street Upgrading, Phase 1, (Evans Place – Holden Street) Contractor Change Order #1 – Materials Escalation

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, approval be given for Change Order #1 payable to Dexter Construction Company Limited for the amount of \$143,361.21 (HST included).

Question called – Motion carried unanimously

23-03-121 Building & Occupancy Permit Listing | February 13 – February 24, 2023

Motion: Councillor Fry/Councillor Rice

RESOLVED THAT, the building permits issued for the period showing a total construction value of \$183,000.00 be approved, and FURTHER THAT the occupancy permit list be accepted as presented.

Question called – Motion carried unanimously.

23-03-122 Capital & Maintenance Projects Update

Councillor Fry provided an update on the following:

- 2023 Crack Sealing Tender – Closing March 14
- 2023 to 2025 Line Painting Tender Closing March 06
- 2023 Asphalt and Concrete Tender – Tender to be issued mid-March
- Parks Shed Fuel Switching Tender –Closing March 02

NEW BUSINESS

23-03-123 Annual Best in Business Awards

Councillor Fry offered congratulations to the nominees and winners of the Best in Business Awards held on March 2, 2023 and thanked the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce for putting the event together.

23-03-124 Focus on Youth Awards

Councillor Fry noted for the information of the public that nominations were now being accepted for the awards. She stressed the importance of recognizing our youth for their contributions and accomplishments and encouraged the public to nominate a deserving youth in the community.

23-03-125 Special Olympics Thrift Store

Councillor Fry congratulated the Special Olympics on the one-year anniversary of the

opening of their Thrift Store at 1154 Topsail Road in Mount Pearl. She encouraged the public to stop by and support Special Olympics.

23-03-126 Portraits of Courage – Women’s Leadership Conference March 2, 2023

Councillor Fry attended the conference presented by Memorial University and acknowledged the keynote speakers, noting that she appreciated them sharing their stories.

23-03-127 International Women’s Day, March 8, 2023

Council members acknowledged International Women’s Day and the strong women of influence in their lives. It was noted that the theme this year was Embrace Equity and the CAO was asked to pass the message and thanks to staff.

23-03-128 Summer Day Camp & Park Patrol Positions

Council noted for the information of the public that summer employment applications for Summer Day Camp and Park Patrol positions will be available on the City’s website this week. Closing date for Summer Day Camp applications is April 7, 2023 and the closing date for Park Patrol applications is April 28, 2023.

23-03-129 Connect Pass

Councillor Locke noted that Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) is looking for municipalities of all sizes to partner with them on Connect Pass, a new project that aims to provide access to swimming pools, skating rinks, museums, snowshoe rentals, and similar facilities. He stated that, under the project, a library card could be used as a free admission pass to several different places such as your local museum. Councillor Locke noted that the CSPW Committee will be bringing this project to a future meeting and reminded everyone that the date for the information session is March 9, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Councillor Lane exited the meeting at 6:02 pm.

23-03-130 Male Allyship Workshop

Councillor Antle noted that he and other Council members attended MNL’s Male Allyship Workshop on February 25. He noted the session was informative and helped to provide a different perspective. He expressed his gratitude to work with the strong women in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm on a motion by Councillor Rice and seconded by Councillor Fry.